

## **December Principal's Note**

### **Thanks to our classified staff...**

Our community at Willett is an amazing group of families and staff, and I am so proud of how our community cares and takes care of one another. Our December trait focus is caring, and we had a wonderful presentation by Guide Dogs for the Blind about caring for the dogs and how to communicate with blind members of our community at our December assembly.

I wanted to take this time to thank and acknowledge those staff members who work and support our students and staff in many positive ways. They work with our students in small groups, one-on-one, and on the playground and campus to ensure our school runs smoothly and is a safe environment for our children. If you have not met these staff members, please introduce yourself when you see them on campus! Every person makes a difference every day, and we so appreciate the caring they show our students!

**School Secretaries** – Laurie Kurth and Tara Stapleton

**Custodians** – Geronimo Ramirez and Yolanda Beatriz

**Lunch Supervisor** – Stephanie Manning

**Instructional Computer Specialist** – Julie Cuetara

**Library Technicians** – Chris Weber-Johnson, Angie Nadler and Ruth Beckon

**English Learner Paraeducator** – Sue Britts

**Reading Paraeducators** – Janice Linden, Kim McCoy and Gini Palmer

**Full Inclusion and Resource Paraeducators** – Paula Badham, Deborah Coppinger, Karen Fouts, Christine Clover, Dana Williams, Sandra Sandoval, Joyita Sen and Sue Britts

**Noon Supervisors** – Bertha Muella, Janette Getter, Jessica Getter, Emily Korwin and Christy Gorman

**Intramural Director** – Sara Gonzales

On another note, I wanted to thank **Sara Gonzales** for her work as Intramural Director here at Willett. She is completing her education and hoping to be working for Teach America! She has been an incredible addition to our staff and a great role model for our students as a student and athlete at UC Davis. She will be greatly missed! Her last day will be Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We have posted her position and are looking forward to having a strong candidate to fill her shoes when we return from break in January.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable, relaxing winter break, beginning this Friday, and we look forward to seeing you **TUESDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, when school resumes.

**DID YOU KNOW?...** 43%, or 229, of Willett students had PERFECT ATTENDANCE the first trimester. That means these students had no absences or tardies the entire first quarter! As you know, there is a direct correlation between success in school and attendance.

Way to go Owls!